

Safety Board Academy, not otherwise provided for, \$3,347,000 for fiscal year 2003, \$4,896,000 for fiscal year 2004, \$4,995,000 for fiscal year 2005, and \$5,200,000 for fiscal year 2006. Such sums shall remain available until expended.

"(2) FEES.—The Board may impose and collect such fees as it determines to be appropriate for services provided by or through the Academy.

"(3) RECEIPTS CREDITED AS OFFSETTING COLLECTIONS.—Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, any fee collected under this paragraph—

"(A) shall be credited as offsetting collections to the account that finances the activities and services for which the fee is imposed;

"(B) shall be available for expenditure only to pay the costs of activities and services for which the fee is imposed; and

"(C) shall remain available until expended.

"(4) REFUNDS.—The Board may refund any fee paid by mistake or any amount paid in excess of that required."

(c) REPORT ON ACADEMY OPERATIONS.—The National Transportation Safety Board shall transmit an annual report to the Congress on the activities and operations of the National Transportation Safety Board Academy.

SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF PASSENGERS INVOLVED IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS.

(a) RELINQUISHMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE PRIORITY.—Section 1136 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) RELINQUISHMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE PRIORITY.—

"(1) GENERAL RULE.—This section (other than subsection (g)) shall not apply to an aircraft accident if the Board has relinquished investigative priority under section 1131(a)(2)(B) and the Federal agency to which the Board relinquished investigative priority is willing and able to provide assistance to the victims and families of the passengers involved in the accident.

"(2) BOARD ASSISTANCE.—If this section does not apply to an aircraft accident because the Board has relinquished investigative priority with respect to the accident, the Board shall assist, to the maximum extent possible, the agency to which the Board has relinquished investigative priority in assisting families with respect to the accident."

(b) REVISION OF MOU.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall revise their 1977 agreement on the investigation of accidents to take into account the amendments made by this section and shall submit a copy of the revised agreement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

SEC. 4. RELIEF FROM CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS SERVICES.

Section 1113(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "Statutes;" in paragraph (1)(B) and inserting "Statutes, and, for investigations conducted under section 1131, enter into such agreements or contracts without regard to any other provision of law requiring competition if necessary to expedite the investigation;" and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) The Board, as a component of its annual report under section 1117, shall include an enumeration of each contract for \$25,000 or more executed under this section during the preceding calendar year."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Friday, March 7, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, appoints the following Members to the President's Export Council:

The Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN).
The Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 50, 51, 57, 58, and 59.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Eugene James Corcoran, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

Humberto S. Garcia, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John D.W. Corley, 9553

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601, and to be a Senior Member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations under title 10, U.S.C., section 711:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, 4862

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2 p.m., Monday, March 10. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Miguel Estrada.

I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate proceeds to the consideration of Calendar No. 19, S. 3, the partial-birth abortion bill, under the order entered into yesterday, the time from 5 to 6 p.m. be equally divided between Senator SANTORUM or his designee and the minority leader or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, on Monday, the Senate will once again resume consideration of the Estrada nomination. We will continue to pursue an agreement to allow for an up-or-down vote which is the end point for this nomination. At 5 o'clock on Monday, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 3, the partial-birth abortion bill. A number of Senators have indicated they will be available to make their opening statements on that bill during Monday's session. As a reminder, the first rollcall vote of Monday's session will occur at 6 p.m. on the nomination of Gregory Frost to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

I thank all Members for their attention.

Mr. REID. Mr. Leader, Monday afternoon from 2 until 5 we will be on the Estrada nomination again. We have had a long, thorough debate on this matter. There has been some difficult dialog, but it has all been for the advocacy that should be present in the Senate. What this is leading up to is everything has gone so well at this point, we would hope—and I will be here virtually all the time that afternoon—that there would be no effort to try to sneak in a vote when somebody is not on the floor or anything like that. I think it would really take away from what has happened here. I continue to ask that question.

I am not sure that there will be people from the Judiciary Committee available all that afternoon. That means I will have to cover that. There are times when I am indisposed for various reasons.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we can assure the other side that we will be engaged just in discussion on the Estrada nomination and have no intention to